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Statewide Stumpage Prices

	High	Low	Avg.	Last Qtr.	Last Yr.	Vol.	# of Rpts.
Veneer							
Walnut, Black	\$2,085	\$985	\$1,275	\$2,530	\$835	14 Int. - MBF	3
White oak (group)	\$1,040	\$1,040	\$1,040	-	\$855	2 Int. - MBF	1
Sawlogs							
Ash	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$105	\$135	23 Int. - MBF	1
Cottonwood	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$40	\$65	38 Int. - MBF	1
Hard Maple	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$190	\$290	- Int. - MBF	1
Hickory	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$215	\$110	2 Int. - MBF	1
Mixed Hardwoods	\$100	\$85	\$95	\$170	\$70	9 Int. - MBF	2
Oak (mixed species)	\$205	\$150	\$195	\$190	\$135	534 Int. - MBF	2
Post Oak	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$160	\$110	- Int. - MBF	1
Red oak (group)	\$195	\$85	\$150	\$265	\$205	217 Int. - MBF	4
Shortleaf Pine	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$105	\$90	3 Int. - MBF	1
Soft Maple	\$210	\$210	\$210	\$180	-	19 Int. - MBF	1
Sycamore	\$100	\$100	\$100	-	\$85	19 Int. - MBF	1
Walnut, Black	\$835	\$585	\$810	\$720	\$605	45 Int. - MBF	4
White oak (group)	\$195	\$120	\$180	\$210	\$185	170 Int. - MBF	3
Stave Logs							
White oak (group)	\$275	\$275	\$275	-	\$290	24 Int. - MBF	1

North Stumpage Prices

	High	Low	Avg.	Last Qtr.	Last Yr.	Vol.	# of Rpts.
Veneer							
Walnut, Black	\$2,085	\$1,175	\$1,305	\$1,990	\$835	13 Int. - MBF	2
Sawlogs							
Oak (mixed species)	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$75	\$85	77 Int. - MBF	1

Central Stumpage Prices

	High	Low	Avg.	Last Qtr.	Last Yr.	Vol.	# of Rpts.
Veneer							
Walnut, Black	\$985	\$985	\$985	\$2,015	-	1 Int. - MBF	1
White oak (group)	\$1,040	\$1,040	\$1,040	-	-	2 Int. - MBF	1
Sawlogs							
Ash	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$75	-	23 Int. - MBF	1
Cottonwood	\$85	\$85	\$85	\$40	-	38 Int. - MBF	1
Mixed Hardwoods	\$100	\$85	\$95	\$90	\$90	9 Int. - MBF	2
Post Oak	\$115	\$115	\$115	-	\$90	- Int. - MBF	1
Red oak (group)	\$150	\$85	\$150	\$90	\$90	51 Int. - MBF	2
Soft Maple	\$210	\$210	\$210	\$175	-	19 Int. - MBF	1
Sycamore	\$100	\$100	\$100	-	-	19 Int. - MBF	1
Walnut, Black	\$835	\$585	\$720	\$805	-	4 Int. - MBF	2
White oak (group)	\$185	\$185	\$185	\$90	\$90	83 Int. - MBF	1
Stave Logs							
White oak (group)	\$275	\$275	\$275	-	-	24 Int. - MBF	1

Southeast Stumpage Prices

	High	Low	Avg.	Last Qtr.	Last Yr.	Vol.	# of Rpts.
Sawlogs							
Hard Maple	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$190	-	- Int. - MBF	1
Hickory	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$215	\$125	2 Int. - MBF	1
Oak (mixed species)	\$205	\$205	\$205	\$210	\$195	457 Int. - MBF	1
Red oak (group)	\$195	\$125	\$150	\$265	\$215	166 Int. - MBF	2
Shortleaf Pine	\$70	\$70	\$70	\$105	\$90	3 Int. - MBF	1
White oak (group)	\$195	\$120	\$175	\$215	\$220	87 Int. - MBF	2

Southwest Stumpage Prices

No reports were received this quarter from the Southwest area.

Averages are based on received reports. Refer to the column headed “# of Rpts.” to get a gauge of how accurate the average prices may be. (“# of Rpts.” refers to the number of sales including a particular species and may sum to more than the number of sales.) Changes since last quarter and last year should be read with caution as the number of reports varies each year and quarter. This report can only be used as a general guide for determining market value of timber. General market and economic conditions, as well as local considerations such as accessibility, terrain, sale size, and tree size and quality also affect the price paid.

Please see the map on page 7 for a definition of reporting regions.

Note: All prices and volumes are reported in International ¼” MBF Scale. To convert to Int.-BF prices or volume, divide by 1,000. To convert volume from Int.-MBF to Doyle MBF, divide by 1.2. To convert prices from Int.-MBF to Doyle MBF, multiply by 1.2.

Foresters reported stumpage prices resulting from 8 timber sales containing 1,121 MBF located throughout the state.

Editor's Note

Remember that one of the most valuable sources for information on log and timber markets is the local Missouri Department of Conservation Resource Forester or your Consulting Forester. Contact the nearest Forest District office for up-to-date, local advice. The Missouri Department of Conservation's Forestry Division, (573) 751-4115, will be happy to provide you with the name and address of the Resource Forester or MDC Regional Office nearest to you. You can locate a Consulting Forester by visiting the Mo. Consulting Forester's Association web site at: www.missouriforesters.com or by visiting the Private Land Assistance page of the MDC website <http://mdc.mo.gov/landown/> and clicking on the "Conservation Assistance Contractors" link.

Tom Treiman and John Tuttle, Editors

Note: A "sale" often includes several different species so the number of sales may be less than the "# of Rpts." (number of reports) listed in the tables.

Tree Scale Conversion Factors

Sawlogs - Veneer Logs	Int'l = Doyle x 1.2
Pulpwood Pine	5,200 lbs/cord
Hardwood (hard)	5,600 lbs/cord
Hardwood (soft)	4,200 lbs/cord

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2007 Farm Bill

Large tracts of private forest are at risk of falling into mismanagement, subdivision or being sold for development; Brett J Butler, research forester with US Forest Service Family Forest Research Center, says situation could jeopardize things like wood used to build homes, jobs, and clean water and fresh air; nearly 60 percent of nation's forests are privately owned, majority by families and individuals and most of these owners are 55 or older; huge swath of forest land is about to change hands as aging landowners pass land to heirs or buyers; high taxes are top reason heirs are selling land; industry officials hope reauthorization of 2007 Farm Bill currently being drafted by House Agriculture Committee will provide incentive programs to help family forest owners bear costs of maintaining their lands.

Source: New York Times.

Missouri Forest Inventory and Analysis Report Available

The first completed 5-year annual inventory of Missouri's forests reports more than 14.6 million acres of forest land. Softwood forests make up 4 percent of the total forest land area; oak/hickory forest types make up about three-fourths of the total hardwood forest land area. Missouri's forests have continued to increase in volume, with all-live tree volume on forest land in Missouri an estimated 18 billion cubic feet compared to 9 billion

cubic feet in 1972. All-live tree biomass on forest land in Missouri amounted to 573 million dry tons in 1999-2003. Almost 9 percent was in small trees, 74 percent was in growing-stock trees, and 17 percent was in non-growing-stock trees. Softwood growth was 44.1 million cubic feet per year and hardwood growth was 585.3 million cubic feet per year. Oak species constitute roughly three-fourths of the volume and three-fourths of the harvest. Total net all-live volume of oaks on timberland increased by 24 percent between 1989 and 2003. More than 82 percent of Missouri's forest land is held by private landowners.

Field work and analysis were conducted by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the United States Forest Service. For more detail or a copy of the report, please visit the United States Forest Service web site (<http://www.fs.fed.us/>).

Firewood Pests?

Most of us wouldn't pick up hitchhikers along the road, but many of us unwittingly take them camping with us. Tree-killing pests such as emerald ash borers, Asian longhorned beetles and gypsy moths can hide in the wood we bring for campfires. It's easy to reduce the spread of these hitchhiking pests. Here's how.

Missouri has always had its share of forest pests. Historically, these native insects and diseases posed little threat to our healthy forests because for thousands of years our native trees and other plants have evolved alongside them. Whenever a native pest

developed a new method to attack, our forests responded by evolving new defense mechanisms. Non-native pests throw off this natural balance by bringing with them new methods of attack unfamiliar to our native trees and plants. Because our forests have not had time to evolve adequate defenses, they can become easy prey for exotic invaders. Take for instance the emerald ash borer. This metallic green beetle probably entered southeast Michigan as an unwanted hitchhiker in wooden packing materials used to ship goods from its native home in China and eastern Asia. The wormlike larvae of this tiny but destructive insect tunnel through native ash trees, eventually killing each tree they infest. To date, emerald ash borers have killed more than 15 million ash trees in Michigan and hundreds of thousands more in Indiana, Ohio and Canada. They haven't made their way to Missouri, yet, but they appeared near Chicago in June of 2006.

One way to keep emerald ash borers and other destructive pests out of Missouri's healthy forests is to avoid transporting firewood long distances. How far is too far? There isn't an easy answer. Moving firewood a few miles from your farm to your home should never be a problem. And at this time, if you avoid transporting firewood across state lines, you should be okay. However, as economies and trade routes become more globalized, opportunities for exotic pests to hitchhike to Missouri increase. If these pests gain a toehold in Missouri, simply moving firewood from one end of the state to the other could cause problems. In all instances, the best policy is to

obtain firewood from a local source. If you brought firewood in from out of state, burn all of it as soon as possible. This will kill any pests that could be hiding in the wood.

Another thing we can do to keep Missouri's forests healthy is to watch out for exotic hitchhikers. Keep in mind that Missouri has its share of native pests, so finding a bug tunneling through your firewood isn't necessarily cause for alarm. Learning to separate the benign native bugs from the destructive exotic bugs is key to early detection of a potential problem.

Early detection is useful only when the problem is contained and eradicated. To help with this effort contact the Missouri Departments of Conservation or Agriculture should you find a suspect insect. Collect a sample by trapping the insect in a zippered plastic bag. Place the bag in the freezer for several days to kill the insect then mail the sample in a sturdy container (35mm film canisters work well) to the address below. Be sure to include your contact information and the date and location where you captured the sample.

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News from Missouri

Recently the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) requested from foresters across the state nominations for

the *MDC Logger-of-the-Year Award*. There were several loggers nominated for the awards.

MDC awards one Regional Logger of the Year Award to each of the eight MDC regions. Out of the eight regional winners one winner is chosen for the MDC State Logger-of-the-Year Award.

This year five regional winners were chosen. These winners were Tom Heidlege, Southwest Region; Roger Whetstine, Northwest Region; Buster Logging, Northeast Region; Dustin Lindgren, Southeast Region; and Ron Tuttle, Ozark Region. Each of these loggers were awarded the MDC Regional Logger-of-the-Year Award based on the following criteria: how well they carried out low impact logging, how well they worked with landowners and foresters, they could not have had any recent history of problems dealing with landowners, they had to be practicing safe working habits, and they must have been through the Professional Timber Harvesters course and still be current with the training.

After the loggers were chosen for the Regional awards, a five person panel was formed to determine the MDC State Logger-of-the-Year winner. Ron Tuttle, Ozark Region winner, was chosen the State winner. Ron will be presented the MDC State Logger-of-the-Year Award at the Missouri Forest Products Association's summer meeting on July 28, 2007.

Ron Tuttle and his brothers, Gary and Don, have logged for most of their lives. They live in Shannon County near Summersville, MO. The Tuttle Logging crew was nominated by a Pioneer Forest forester and by a Missouri Department of

Conservation forester. Each forester in their nomination explained that the Tuttle Logging crew really does an outstanding job taking care of the remaining trees on site. The foresters also explained how it was a pleasure to work with this crew and how they were willing to do what needed to be done to make the logging job a success.

I feel that there are many loggers in Missouri that do not get the recognition they deserve for doing a good job protecting the natural resources during timber harvesting. These awards were created to give these loggers the credit they deserved.

If you are looking for a buyer for your standing timber either give me a call or call your local forester. John Tuttle (573)522-4115, extension 3304.

Missouri Timber Price Trends tracks market prices for Stumpage. Reports on the Stumpage Market are received from Missouri Department of Conservation Resource Foresters and private consulting foresters. Stumpage refers to timber sold on the stump and does not reflect delivered mill prices. These reports should serve as a general guide to track stumpage prices. Landowners should not use this report to replace a timber inventory and marketing assistance as methods of conducting a sale. Missouri Department of Conservation Resource Foresters will be able to provide information on current, local market conditions. Details of all private sales and delivered prices are kept confidential.

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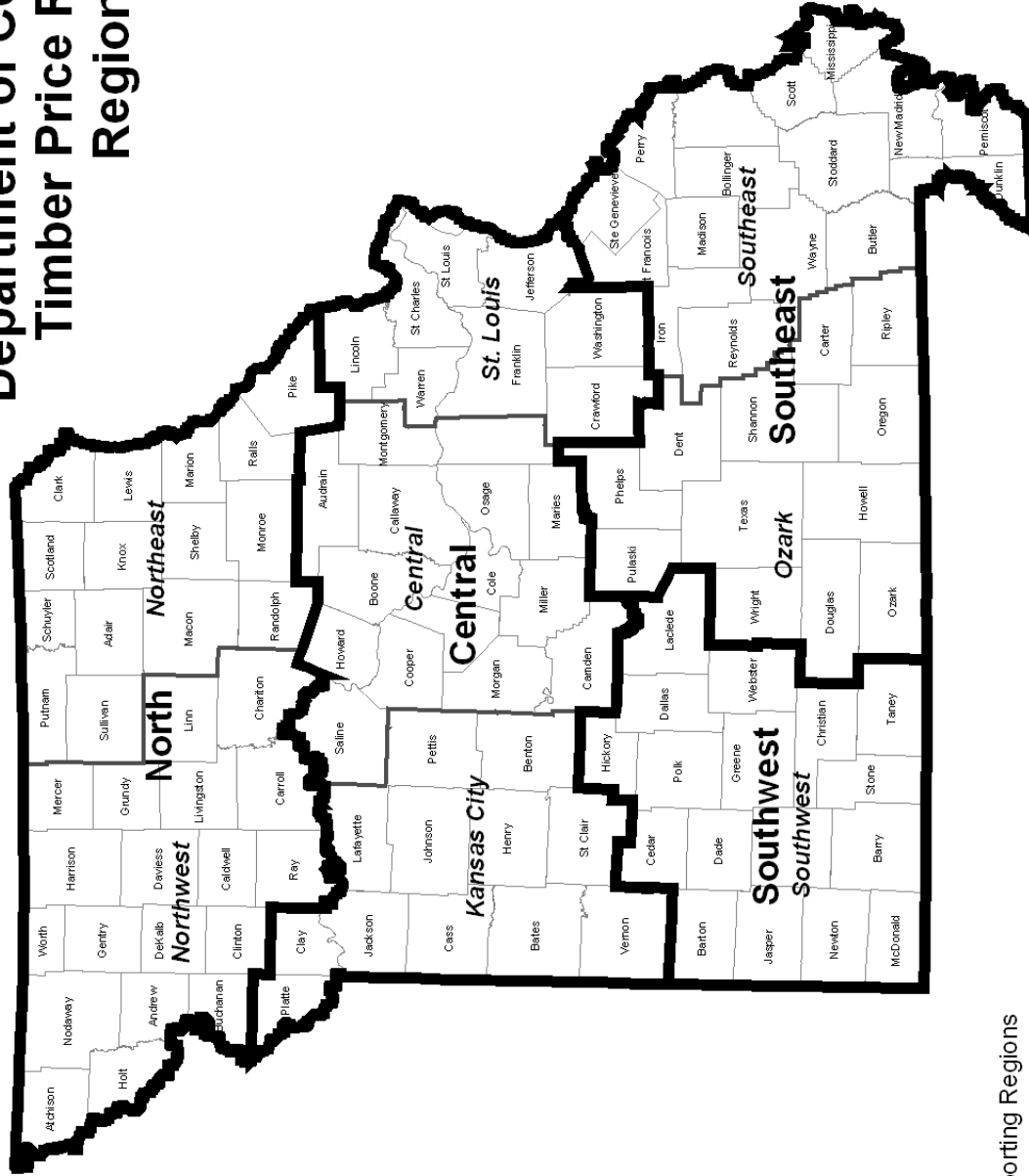
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